(d) and (e) It was not necessary to take any external assistance in this context since sufficient expertise is available within the country; which was demonstrated by the successful launch of GSLV-D1 on 18th April, 2001.

MPLADS fund for Gujarat victims

4561. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament have offered to contribute from their MPLADS fund for the relief and rehabilitation of Gujarat earthquake victims;

(b) if so, the details of the MPs who have agreed to contribute giving the amount contributed by each and names of those who have not given their consent so far;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision as to how this contribution is to be utilised in the rehabilitation work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the name of the MPs of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha who have given consent for contribution of MPLADS fund, and the amount contributed is placed at Annexure- [*See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 37]

(c) and (d) The Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha MPLADS Committees are to decide the nature of work and the implementing agency to whom the work is to be entrusted.